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Chinese New Year Celebration Returns to The Domes

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 14, 2015) – “Chinese New Year at The Domes,” a cultural festival and celebration of Year of the Sheep, will be presented by the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC) in partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks, Saturday Jan. 24 from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

“With the Chinese zodiac’s promise for a year of peace, harmonious coexistence, and tranquility, this is the perfect year to be introduced to our culture,” said Yi Wan, President of MCCC. “This event at The Domes offers a great opportunity to learn about Chinese culture and to enjoy the diversity of cultures of southeastern Wisconsin.”

The family-friendly event offers a wide range of activities. Traditional folk music, dance, martial arts, arts and crafts, and foods will be featured throughout the weekend. To get in the spirit of the festival, visitors are invited to participate in the dragon parades, to learn simple tai chi postures, and to ask questions and interact with the many volunteers.

Special performances are scheduled during the weekend event.

The Lion Dance will kick off the New Year’s celebration, Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Other morning performances will include girls’ dances, a solo by a female vocalist, Yang-style tai chi, and kung fu. At 1 p.m., Wang Pin, a professional fitness coach from China, will lead event-goers in an exercise program.

Saturday afternoon activities will get under way at 3:30 p.m. Entertainment features a women’s handkerchief dance, a kung fu performance, a girls’ parasol dance, a solo by a female vocalist, and a girls’ zumba dance.

Sunday’s performances will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the biggest attraction of the day, the Dragon Dance, at noon. Other performances are youth dances (including a fan dance), Yang-style tai chi, and kung fu.

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Other activities will be available throughout the festival. Chinese calligraphy will be on display and will be demonstrated, dumpling-making will be demonstrated, and authentic Chinese food will be available for purchase. Hands-on activities and games for kids of all ages will include giving the Chinese Zodiac Fortune Wheel a spin and playing Chinese yo-yo and other traditional games

For souvenirs and for fun, the Chinese Marketplace will offer a variety of hand-crafted items in all price ranges.

Chinese New Year at The Domes is included in regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC), a non-profit organization, has been organizing this event at the Mitchell Park Domes for the past six years. This event celebrates the Chinese New Year with local communities, showcases and promotes Chinese culture, and raises funds for Chinese education, youth leadership development, and culture enrichment.

For more information visit MilwaukeeChinese.org or call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

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